



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
July 22, 2005**

State of Washington
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: COWICHE CREEK FISH SCREENING AND PASSAGE PROJECT

Description of Proposal: A temporary cofferdam will be constructed using clean, washed gravel, ecology blocks and/or sand bags and plastic sheeting. The cofferdam will run approximately down the center of the stream channel, starting 50 feet above the existing check structure and extending down to a point approximately 100 feet below the point of diversion. Plastic sheeting will be used to line that half of the channel that is carrying flow, in order to prevent water from infiltrating from one side of the creek to the other (see attached drawing)

Proponent:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The site lies on the lower main stem of Cowiche Creek, adjacent to the property located at 5505 Cowiche Canyon Road, a little less than one mile, or approximately 4500 feet, upstream of the confluence with the Naches River, Cowiche, Washington, Yakima County; Section 09, Township 13 North, Range 18 EastWM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **July 21, 2005**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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e-mail: habitatSEPA@dfw.wa.gov if you have questions or comments about this determination.

DATE OF ISSUE: July 7, 2005 **SIGNATURE:** 

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